

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Gelek W. Topgyal
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	:	Group Art Unit: 2621
Application No.: 10/541,383	)	
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Filed: July 1, 2005	)	
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For: IMAGE SUPPLY DEVICE,	)	
RECORDING SYSTEM, AND	:	
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF	)	October 17, 2008

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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NINTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed foreign document, together with an English-language abstract thereof, is enclosed.

The listed document was cited in an Office Action dated September 26, 2008, issued in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-008401 A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 7,415,287 is a U.S. counterpart of JP 2002-190877.

The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese document is found in the attached English-language abstract thereof.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been issued in the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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